

Rumanians Coming For Trade Talks

A delegation is expected here from Rumania for trade talks, at the end of the month, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Jerusalem last night. No further details were available.

delegates adjourned to the Herod Room in the J. P. Morgan National Fund building, where a luncheon was served. Mr. Sprimack was present with a key to the room by which he opened the door. Mr. Granoff, President of the Jewish National Fund, was also present. A delegate was given a minute of silence in the form of a eulogy for the late Dr. H. C. Lockyer, Chairman of the Agency Executive Committee, who died last week. The delegates then adjourned to the functions of the Zionist Organization.

Rabbi Miller thought that the atmosphere, which appears to be unfavourable to Israel, stems from the old negative attitude of officials of the State Department who were misinformed by U.S. public with information about Israel. Israel should counteract that with positive information.

He was of the opinion that there would be a good idea to send goodwill emissaries to the U.S. whose sole duty it would be to

The National Committee of Bakers' Organizations, which is dissatisfied with the recent rise in bread prices, had been told by the Ministry that no further increases would be given. They are, however, now making requests for loans to modernize their plants would be considered.

arrived May in the case of an infiltrator operating system in the District Judge J. Chinn in Jerusalem.

Assistant District Attorney A. Kanner claimed that the defendant had knowingly perjured himself in his testimony before the High Court of Justice in May. The defendant had testified that the alleged infiltrator had lived for the past three years in Abu Ghosh.

Rabban Adiyah, 75-year-old headman of the village, testified that he had not seen the man during the past three years, that he had not been present at the funeral of two members of his family who had died in the village during that period.

The accused is represented by M. S. Tami.

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The 2nd Airborne Division was to stage the parachute demonstration, while ROTC units in summer training were to demonstrate firing basic weapons.

The visitors were to see the Army's new 82 mm. stinger, which cannot be fired this afternoon, and then inspect the 6th Signal Battalion and attend a briefing on Army aviation.

Earlier, the group toured a military reservation by helicopter and later was given a reception at the Fort Bragg Officers' Club.

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Dynamos Beaten
VIENNA, Wednesday (UP). — The Soviet football champions, the Moscow Dynamos, were beaten by the Austrian champions Rapid by one goal to none here today. The winning goal was scored in the 37th minute of the second half. A capacity crowd of 60,000 watched the

Two Arabs who infiltrated via the Jericho border were called to Jerusalem in Jerusalem on an order by Magistrate J. Wetzer. Clad in red jeans and long black hair, the two were handcuffed on their way to and from the court building. They claimed that on their way from the Hejra they were misdirected to the court building. *They did not know that they had crossed the Jerico border.* The two infiltrators, one of whom claimed

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AFTER the heated debate which has raged in recent weeks over ways and means of financing development projects, the detailed Development Budget comes almost as an anticlimax.

One is tempted to ask what the whole preceding discussion was really about.

The original sum approved by the Knesset for expenditure under the heading of Development was IL.168m. This has now been raised to IL.196m. In order to make this increase possible without having to introduce new taxes, it is proposed to save IL.16m. from the budgetary allocation for food subsidies and another IL.12m. by reducing the budgetary surplus to IL.13m.

The first measure has already been put into practice by raising the price of standard bread by 50 pruta per loaf, while the prices of several minor food articles are to be increased shortly. It goes without saying that such a move is proving rather unpopular and is felt most by the lower paid brackets. But it should be borne in mind that the abolition of the subsidy on bread has been advocated by financial and agricultural experts alike for a long time, quite apart from the present monetary demands of the Treasury, and its implementation is already having a healthy influence by reducing the use of bread for poultry feed, and eliminating other forms of waste.

The reduction of the budgetary surplus, though regrettable from the point of view of the State finances, is but a natural corollary to the increased expenditure. And it should be remembered that the reduction may yet be made good if the aid from taxation comes up to the expectations of the Treasury's experts. Moreover, it has already been announced that a new compulsory loan is to be levied, payable by Income Tax Advance certificates. This is expected to raise about IL.15m.

Thus, the revenue side of the budget does not present much news. Nor does the expenditure side show that all the additional measures which have been proposed were really vitally necessary. Compared with last year's budget, the allocations to agriculture have been increased by 25 per cent (IL.12.5m.), Transportation, Post, and Electricity are to receive over IL.20m. more, mainly for the acquisition of new machinery and equipment ordered abroad, most of it from German Reparations.

The largest proportional rise amounting to 60 per cent is to be found under the item of housing, about which the Minister of Finance himself used to speak in a deprecatory manner. This is now to get over IL.20m. As a matter of fact, together with rural housing and public and Government constructions over IL.37m. is to be spent on building. This will bring the total volume of building activity to be sponsored in this way to approximately IL.75m., that is, something like the total volume of building activity in the country in 1953.

Allocation for Employment Works has also been raised by IL.4m. (40 per cent), all of which will surely be spent, with the additional IL.4m. given to industry seem to be much more conjectural in view of prevailing trends. To sum up: Mr. Eshkol may have been right in stressing that he needs more money for planting citrus groves, assisting new settlements, and helping export industries, but it seems that he was so hard pressed mainly just because these and similar productive investments had been kept waiting at the end of the queue and had the lowest priorities.

French Faced Invisible Enemy



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NOTWITHSTANDING the explanations in Tuesday's issue of The Jerusalem Post that the picture of the Israel Chief of Staff's arrival in New York had been reproduced as a blur on the previous day for purely technical reasons, we personally looked at this photographic blunder as a fine piece of symbolism. There has been so much speculation as to whether Rav-Aluf Dayan had been invited with all the ceremony due to him, and whether he had enjoyed precisely the same public honours as those showered with such would-be splendour on the Iraqi Chief of Staff who is also visiting the United States at this time, that it seemed entirely suitable to have a blackout of his arrival. The picture was plainly psychic, and we think it is a pity to spoil the effect by offering mundane explanations.

Our readers seem to have been equally fascinated by the picture, and we have a whole batch of suggestions as to what happened. Most of these point out that the mystery could be solved by holding the page up to the light, when three pairs of legs could be discerned, running rapidly away. Whose were they? Obviously representatives of the State Department warned at the last moment not to attend the event.

THERE is probably nobody over the age of 10 in Israel this week who could not tell you that the price of a loaf has gone up by 50 pruta, though probably quite a proportion would be hard put to tell you who was getting the extra shilling. It is a fact, however, that not one of a small group of distinguished and well-informed pressmen and women talking over the withdrawal of the subsidy after a meeting at the Treasury last week could say what the standard loaf had cost before. One said that all he ever did about bread was to tell the grocer to keep them a loaf, and he did not think that at the end of the month, of course. One said they ate some fancy bread that came in a small loaf, and cost 100 pruta. One said they didn't like standard bread, anyway. No answer was found. Maybe the Minister of Finance had got hold of something when he said that he did not think that a country-wide 30 per cent subsidy on bread was justified.

A MAN coming back from the ceremony on Mount Herzl on Tuesday told me that while he was up there he was haunted by the feeling that something significant was missing. Presently he caught the fleeting association - the scent of oranges. Just a little less than half a century ago it must have been, he says, that he walked as a child through the little Ukrainian town in which he lived. There was a wonderful odour of fresh oranges from the shop across the road - oranges that even if they sometimes happened to come from Spain always spiced with Yiddishkeit and its associate, half-forbidden mysteries. On this particular occasion a Hebrew newspaper had also arrived, and as he stood by the open door to look at the oranges, the shopkeeper unfolded a paper with a black frame around it, dropped it after the first glance and cried out "A broch is too mir Herzl is dead!"

WE have heard of the fierce battles that have been fought at Jaffa Gate by Israel dogs against invading Arab dogs that scramble through the fortifications and invade the gate itself. Some people say that the Arab dogs are sent over deliberately to cause incidents, and that they should be treated as infiltrators. Others say that they look hungry, and come to search the dustbins on their own initiative. The pickings for dogs in that part of the town are poor enough to begin with, continues this version.

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In abolishing the subsidies on fuel, the Government drew no line between certain enterprises or the various categories of consumers. This new measure affects both the owner of a private car and the worker travelling by bus to his place of employment.

The travelling public should be aware that for the past few years the main part of proceeds realized from the repeated fare increases, went to cover additional taxes imposed by the Government on transport accessories and elements. If the Government really means to protect the travelling public against fare increases, it should